

Exploring Autumn

September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

A very warm welcome to families new and old. We are so excited to have a new class of Cherries here at Chidham. The children have done so well with their first sessions and had a fantastic, gentle start allowing them to explore our indoor and outdoor classrooms and become familiar with the adults in their classroom. Thank you to the grown-ups for smiling and being positive when saying goodbye to your children.

Topic and Early Years curriculum

The first few weeks of this half term will be all about new beginnings and settling in. We will be focusing on making starting school a positive and happy experience, exploring what makes a good friend and focusing on how to wash our hands well and manage our own personal hygiene.

We will then delve into our Exploring Autumn topic which will allow the children to explore our beautiful grounds looking at wildlife and the changes of the seasons. Use our 'Creative Learning Journey' to help see what we will be focusing on in school. We will also start with our Letters and Sounds work which begins with exploring sounds, rhyme and then moving onto individual letter sounds. We will send out more information on this in the coming weeks.

What can you do at home?

Always talk to your children about their time at school. They may not be able to tell you much but this is normal! Use any pictures on Seesaw to help prompt a discussion. (please speak to us if you are having difficulty setting up a Seesaw account.) Go on a walk around your local area and talk about what happens to trees and plants during autumn. Take some pictures to share at school. Collect leaves, seeds, nuts and berries to add to an autumn collection. Make some bird food to feed the birds as the weather gets colder.

Words to use and explore:

Autumn - conker – nut – berry – camouflage – hibernate – squirrel – fox – owl – mouse – hedgehog – pumpkin - harvest

Enjoy the sunny weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

The Cherry Team

